

Amendment to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract (Paragraph [0025]) as follows:

[0025] A semiconductor package is disclosed that comprises a chip paddle and a semiconductor chip that has a plurality of bond pads. The semiconductor chip is located on an upper surface of the chip paddle. Leads are formed at intervals along the perimeter of the chip paddle. The leads are in electrical communication with the bond pads. The semiconductor chip, the chip paddle and the leads are ~~encapsulating~~ encapsulated by an encapsulation material. The height of the semiconductor package of the invention is minimized by half etching the chip paddle to reduce the thickness of the chip paddle such that the thickness of the chip paddle ~~such that the thickness of the chip paddle~~ is less than the thickness of the leads. Preferably, the chip paddle of the present invention is about 25-75% of the thickness of the leads.